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Building Committee Minutes 03-19-2002

PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002

PRESENT: John Cole, Chairman Philip Farrington
 William Shea, Vice Chairman Robert Juusola
 Thomas Caccavaro Martin Thrope
 Kathleen Donovan

ABSENT: Richard Bento
 Charles Stretton

PARTICIPANTS: Michael Black, Castagna Construction
 Stefan Chaires, DRA
 Dick Madonia, Arlington Project Manager
 David Kale, Arlington Public Schools

PEIRCE SCHOOL UPDATE – M. BLACK/D. MADONIA/T. CACCAVARO

- Mr. Madonia reported on construction progress. The project has been busy with a good deal of construction activity since the last PTBC meeting.
- Mr. Michael Black of Castagna Construction was invited to this meeting to clarify questions regarding the Peirce construction schedule and whether the building would be completed in time for the opening of school. Mr. Black distributed an updated construction schedule to the committee. He explained that they had had some bad luck for a week in February which threw the schedule off a few weeks. They are, however, about to put in place some major milestones. The roof is in place, and the slabs are all poured. The drywall will start on Saturday. The first floor is probably 50% complete as of today. They hope to keep up the momentum. Another three people were added to the drywall crew in the hope that they can get a little ahead of the schedule. The next few weeks are very critical to the schedule. He feels that they will have a good sense at the end of the month as to just where they are with the building schedule.
- Mr. Cole acknowledged the effort made by Castagna to accelerate the project. He said that the bottom line was that the committee would have to make a decision soon (by May 1st) to allow the school department enough time to make preparations for the opening of school.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Thrope, it was VOTED to **continue to pay acceleration costs to Castagna for premium time on the weekends through May 1, 2002.** ROLL CALL VOTE:

Unanimous (The issue will be reviewed every two weeks through May 1st.)

- There was some discussion as to when the students would be moved into the building if it were not completed by September. Ms. Donovan said that she would move in as soon as the building was ready but would not recommend moving in until it was in such condition that all programming could take place.
- There were four issues raised by the architect that required a decision by the committee:

Corner Guards (\$4,200)

Casework (\$67,000)

Task Lights (\$10,000)

Modifications to video entry system (\$5,000)

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Shea, it was VOTED to **install corner guards, to do modifications to the video entry system, and to eliminate the under-the-counter task lighting.** ROLL

CALL VOTE: Unanimous

- No decision was made on the casework issue. The architect will consult with Castagna to see what their lead time is before they ask the contractor to provide a price for the casework.

HARDY CLOSE-OUT ISSUES

On a MOTION by Mr. Thrope and seconded by Ms. Donovan, it was VOTED to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the Hardy School project that may involve possible future litigation and then move out of Executive Session for the purpose of reentering public session to discuss the Finance Committee report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

PTBC REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The committee will meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, March 25th at 8 p.m. at the Community Saftety Building and will propose the following funding requests:
 - o Peirce School - \$175,000 (to include the increase for casework, LSP services, anticipated change orders)
 - o Hardy School - \$125,000 (to include lintel repairs and noise abatement costs)
 - o Brackett School - The committee will request \$50,000 from the remaining Brackett account for additional noise reduction work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Donovan and seconded, it was VOTED to **approve the minutes of the Permanent Town Building Committee meetings for February 27 and March 5, 2002.** VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carroll